(c) how long is it since that hospital is without a doctor who will attend on all days?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) No.

(b) Because medical men are not available for this dispensary.

(c) From 22nd Kanni 1120, a Sub-Assistant Surgeon attends this dispensary twice a week.

COCHIN STATE POWER AND LIGHT CORPORATION

271. Mr. S. P. Luiz (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the Cochin State Electrical Power and Light Corporation Ltd., Ernakulam has dismissed Mr. Thomas Luiz, Foreman in their Power House at Ernakulam, and if so, on what charge;

(b) whether there has been any correspondence on this matter between the Labour Commissioner and the Secretary to the All Cochin Electrical Workers' Union;

(c) whether Mr. Thomas Luiz was given any chance to explain his position and put up a defence;

(d) whether others in the Power House were suspended on the same charge,

(e) if so, how and why the charge was shifted on to Mr. Luiz;

(f) are the Government aware that this Mr. Luiz was the only Anglo-Indian employee in the Power House;

(g) are the Government aware that the Anglo-Indian Association had taken up this matter, had wired and wrote to the Labour Commissioner and to the Power and Light Corporation on several occasions without a line in reply;

(h) will the Government state why the Labour Commissioner did not even vouchsafe a reply?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes, on a charge of causing damage to the Engine of the Power House by throwing sand into its bearing.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Company first suspended 4 drivers working on the night of the incident. Afterwards they took statements from the drivers and the foreman and found that Mr. Luiz was the guilty person.

(f) Government are not aware of this.

(g) Government have no information about the Association's letter and telegram to the Corporation. The Labour Commissioner received a letter from Mr. S. P. Luiz, M. L. C. President of the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled European Association, Ernakulam. There was nothing in the letter to show that it was more than a personal letter.

(h) The Labour Commissioner has been enquiring into the complaint and trying to effect an amicable settlement. It was thought better to send a reply when the matter takes a definite shape. Hence no reply was sent so far.

ALLIANCE INDUSTRIES

272. Mr. P. K. Dever (*Nominated*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the quantity of yarn allowed to.—

(i) Alliance Industries, Trippunithura;

(ii) Nata Raja Weaving Factory, Trippunithura;

(iii) Cochin Charities, Trippunithura in the months of Vrischigam, Dhanu, Makaram Kumbham, Meenam and Medam 1121;

(b) the quantity of cloth manufactured by these companies separately in the months mentioned above;

(c) the number of looms worked in each of these concerns in these months?

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Please see statement appended.

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Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* Are you replying in terms of the suggestion put forward by me?

Rao Sahib C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, regarding intelligence test, the only way of testing intelligence is either by examination of the candidates and also by seeing what examinations they have passed. We have already having those with the VI Form course. As between the two, the midwives who have got training after school final course and those who had only the III Form pass, between the two, it is said, that the quality of work is better in the case of the former. So, both the officers suggested that in the interests of the work they are doing, the particular nature of the work they are handling it is better that we have more qualified midwives rather than have a number of not properly qualified midwives. But to test the intelligence, a mere asking of a few questions would not be enough. Anyway, there is no objection to place this suggestion of the House before the officers and find out whether they can accept that as a standard. We will also inform them of the standard obtaining in Madras and consider whether a lowering of the standard is possible on that basis.

Regarding the suggestion of the Hon'ble Member from Vadakkancheri as to making the job attractive, I do not think we can increase the expenditure on that account. Rs. 15 and dearness allowance, I think, is quite adequate. With the limited amount for the purpose, if the stipend is increased, the number of candidates will have to be reduced. That is not desirable. So that point is not feasible. The question of lowering the standard of qualification will be considered.

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

N. S. RADHAKRISHNA SARMA

Secretary to the Council

APPENDIX

(See answer to Question No. 272)

	Vrischigam	Dhanu	Makaram	Kumbham	Meenam	Medam
(a) *i.* Alliance Industries, Trippunittura	110 lbs.	245 lbs.	10 lbs.	130 lbs.	315 lbs.	330 lbs.
ii. Nata Raja Weaving Factory, Trippunittura	220 ,,	305 ,,	85 ,,	20 ,,	410 ,,	1025 ,,
iii. Cochin Charities Trippunittura	1280 ,,	290 ,,	420 ,,	970 ,,	440 ,,	380 ,,
(b) *i.* Alliance Industries, Trippunittura	134 lbs. 9¾ oz.	54 lbs. 2½ oz.	49 lbs. 10½ oz.	77 lbs. 7½ oz.	262 lbs. 11¼ oz.	292 lbs. 1½ oz.
ii. Nata Raja Weaving Factory, Trippunittura	165 lbs. 13½ lbs.	310 lbs. 8¼ oz.	208 lbs. 1 oz.	107 lbs.	200 lbs. 13½ oz.	270 lbs. 10 oz.
iii. Cochin Charities, Trippunittura	512 lbs.	397 lbs.	629 lbs.	535 lbs.	773 lbs. 8½ oz.	611 lbs. 3 oz.
(c) *i.* Alliance Industries, Trippunittura	11	7	9	11	16	17
ii. Nata Raja Weaving Factory, Trippunittura	10	11	12	20	23	25
iii. Cochin Charities, Trippunittura	30	30	30	50	30	30

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